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WILL THE HON. MR. HOUTON AN-

SWEET?

It is less than a year ago, that

large stockholders will get a share

of the profits of the stock, and

this majority may become share-

holders in the Southern Security

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TELEGRAMS.

Ohio will hold her next State fair at

Mansfield.

The Nebraska legislature is waiting

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UNPARALLELED VILAINY.

A Friend in Human Form—A Libel upon Man-

kind—A Beauty and Great Ruffian.

The Louisville Ledger publishes a

detailed account of the crimes and

moralities practiced by one Patten,

while superintendent of the Ken-

tucky School for the Blind. It is

said that "Patten could out-pray

two dozen ordinary Methodists."

His pupils and subordinate employees

of his school and was guilty

of wrongs to helpless children that

make a shudder. In the presence of

visitors and strangers he was all

business and stern and never

within doors, among his helpless

victims, he was such a fiend as

was never described in all the

stories of Dickens and others

who have portrayed the heartless-

ness of the monster. He was a

constant contact with irredeemable

miserable. It is not a peculiar case.

The same facts have the same results

under like circumstances everywhere,

and no one has gone through an abode

of wretchedness who did not detect in

the eyes and manner of the externally

tender and kind superintendent a me-

tallic hardness that made him shudder.

Officers of these institutions should be

often changed. Even a hangman be-

comes callous, and with namesless

pleasures excites his victims. A

teacher in the institution, David

Lauche, says that Mr. Patten was

Tired to all about every one, and

revolver and cracked a fire in the

dark that drove the rascals out.

Mr. Wood, of New York, in the

house of commons, asked why it was

that there was so much distrust of

public servants? The demoralization

which has existed in the

private life. The President has

been casting a shadow of gloom

over the country, which he should not

sustain by casting it upon congress.

The grand jury of the United States

court, New York, indicted

Charles Calverly for making a false

certificate as bank examiner of affairs

for the Ocean Bank, in consideration

of a bribe. James A. Polk and

George J. Jackson, for aiding Paymaster

Hodge in the embezzlement, and

John W. Norton for covering up the

eyes of the United States to his own

use.

An apparent epidemic, under the

name of the National Engineers'

Gift enterprise, has been ven-

erated by the press of Milwaukee

and Chicago. The enterprise, which

Charles E. Smith, failing to make sat-

isfactory explanation as to the dis-

position of the enterprise, a number of

persons, whose names have been used

as references, have published cards

disclaiming all connection with the

enterprise, and regretting the use of

their names to inaugurate the scheme.

While the civil rights bill was under

discussion in the house on Tuesday

Willard, from the select committee

on civil service, reported a bill provid-

ing that any member of congress

soliciting or recommending appoint-

ments, unless called on by the president

or the senate, shall be guilty of

misconduct, and fined from \$100

to \$1000. Considerable debate

ensued, but the bill was passed

by a vote of 149 yeas to 100 nays.

The bill is now in the hands of

the committee on civil service.

The New York car-hoek murder

case, to be hung March 22d.

The prisoner's counsel will bring

the case to a close by offering

a plea of insanity.

MINNESOTA RAILROAD BONDS.

Important Proposed Legislation by the

State of Minnesota.

St. Paul, February 20.—The house

joint committee yesterday re-

ported a bill for the sale of the

Minnesota State railroad bonds.

The first section provides for the

sale of the bonds of the Minnesota

State railroad bonds.

The second section provides that

certified copies of petitions being

sent to the attorney general and

county commissioners, be issued to

railroad companies now occupying the

line of road for which the bonds

are to be sold, and that the

number and amount of bonds, to

whom paid, and to whom company

issued, and the names of the

holders of the bonds, be

sent to the attorney general and

county commissioners, and that

the same be filed in the

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